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Dear Sir or Madam:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.63, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant lists, provides copies, and provides concise explanations of the following references recently discovered related to the above-identified U.S. Patent Application.

- 1. GB 375260A (George Mann & Co. Ltd), June 23, 1932 discloses means for separating and conveying stiff sheets of material from piles.
- 2. Patent Abstracts of Japan, published May 11, 1988, JP 63106245 (Fuji Photo Film Co. Ltd. Discloses an autofeeder for a photosensitive plate.
- 3. US 4,815,723 issued March 28, 1989 to Iizuka discloses a photosensitive plate autofeeder.

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